

## **RULE 101**

### **GENERAL**

#### **(a) Application**

These Local Rules apply in criminal actions as defined in Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 1. The Court may waive these rules in exceptional circumstances or when justice so requires.

#### **(b) Effective Date: Repealer**

These rules shall be effective April 5, 2004, and shall govern all proceedings in cases then pending, or thereafter brought. All prior rules of this Court are repealed, and all standing orders inconsistent with these rules are vacated, as of that date.

#### **(c) Definitions**

The term “judicial officer” includes district and magistrate judges. “District judge” refers to a federal judge as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 451. Magistrate judge refers to a federal judge as defined in 28 U.S.C. §§ 631-639. The term “party’s attorney” or similar term whenever used in these rules shall include a party appearing without counsel. The term “clerk of court” includes the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, the Chief Deputy Clerk and deputy clerks. The term “marshal” includes the United States Marshal and deputy marshals.

#### **(d) Numbering**

Local Rules concerning criminal practice have been assigned to the “100 series” and thereafter correspond to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

#### **(e) Citation**

Citation of a particular provision of the local rules of criminal practice shall be by name and number, including the year of enactment when referring to a previous version of the rule: Local Criminal Rule or L.Crim.R. 101(e)(2003). If a pleading makes reference to the local rules of another district or to previous versions of a local rule give name and number followed by the abbreviated district name, including the year of enactment when referring to a previous version of the rule: e.g., Local Criminal Rule for the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine or L.Crim.R. 101(e) (D.Me. 1997).

#### **(f) Failure to Comply**

The violation or failure to comply with these rules may entail sanctions.